1962 के अधीन एक मामला इन चार व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध दर्ज किया गया है और इसकी जांच-पड़ताल का काम मेघालय पुलिस ने अपने हाथ में ले लिया है। मेघालय पुलिस ने जिन चार व्यक्तियों को हिरासत में लिया था वे हैं–सर्वश्री यीअरलेस लयांगडोह, अहमद रजा खान, फयरली राँय लयांगडोह और जूलियस थयारनिअंग और ये सभी व्यक्ति मेघालय के पश्चिमी खासी हिस्सा जिले के रहने वाले हैं।

(ग) स्थल पर सुरक्षा संबंधी व्यवस्थाओं को बढ़ा दिया गया है।

Gas Cracker Project in Assam

1314. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposed Gas Cracker Project in Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that the site for the Project originally selected has, of late, been shifted to a new site in Lower Assam; and

(c) if so, whether Government will take steps and persuade the Partner Companies to accept the original site at Tengakhat in Upper Assam and thereby distinctly avoid an impending agitation in Upper Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of Assam and M|s Reliance Industries Ltd. for implementing the Assam Gas Cracker Project Government of India has recently approved grant of one time capital subsidy of Rs. 377 crores for the project as well as provision of associated gas as a price of Rs. 600 per thousand standard Cubic meters for a period of 15 years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Provisions of DPCO, 1987

1315. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that paragraph 3 of DPCO, 1987 does not permit fixation of price of a bulk drug on the basis of 2|3rd cut off level;

(b) the details of prices recommended by the BICP on the basis and what are the names of the bulk drugs involved; and

(c) whether it is a fact that upto 1990-91 no recommendation of the BICP on cut off level was accepted and they were also advised not to tailor the prices in this manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Demonstration by Bhopal Gas victims

1316. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhopal Gas Victims, mostly women, staged demonstrations and courted arrest, in Bhopal, demanding expeditious disbursement and final compensations, on September 13, 1994;

(b) if so, what is the latest position about disbursement of compensation to different categories of gas

victims, indicating their number and the extent of disbursement and satisfaction of claims;

(c) the reasons for delay and unrest amongst victims; and

(d) what steps have been taken to secure satisfaction of the claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALERO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information furnished by the Welfare Commissioner, as on 30.11.1994, 12,443 death cases and 1,11,376 personal injury cases have been decided and the amount awarded was Rs. 61.99 crores and Rs. 287.82 crores respectively. The total amount disbursed upto 21.11.1994 was Rs. 53.03 crores for death claims and Rs. 176.52 crores for personnel injury claims.

(c) The main impediment in the disposal of cases is the non-availability of the requisite number of Judges required for this work. Since every case has to be decided under due process of Law, it takes time in deciding the cases and all cases cannot be taken up simultaneously. Some other reasons for delay are due to non-appearance of witnesses in time, poor service of notices by the P&T Department to the claimants, non-appearance of claimants on the due dates, disturbances in the courts by miscreants and anti social elements.

The unrest among the victims is due to their expectation that their cases should be decided immediately, high expectation regarding the compensation amount and due to claim Courts not being set up in their wards.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Government and the Welfare Commissioner to dispose off the claims expeditiously:-

(i) 6 more claim tribunals are expected to be set up by December, 1994. The Welfare Commissioner has also been permitted to recruit advocate 7 years standing who would perform the functions of Deputy Commissioners since the required number of Judicial Officers are not being made available by the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

(ii) A High Level Coordination Committee headed by Justice N. M. Kasliwal, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court has been set up with the objective to suggest ways and means for expeditious disposal of the cases.

(iii) Close monitoring is being done of the disposal of cases and there is regular inter-action with the Welfare Commissioner to remove any impediments that he may be facing in the disposal of cases. The speed of disposal has improved tremendously during the last 11 months.

(iv) Guidelines have been issued to the Deputy Commissioners so that injury claim cases particularly are disposed of in bulk and expeditiously.

(v) Deputy Commissioner have been directed to take the cases of all the members of the family at a time, if notice is served on any one of the members of the family.

(vi) Co-operation of the Local Daily Newspapers has been obtained for publishing the notices of all the wards in Newspapers for information of the claimants. This process has tremendously improved the attendance of the claimants, who could not be served notices by the Postal Department due to insufficient addresses or otherwise.